

IN THE DRAWINGS

Please replace the drawing sheet with Figures 9, 10 and 11 with the attached replacement sheet for these figures, in which the AGC Block Diagram of Figure 11 has been renumbered as element "116".

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are pending in the present application.

The Office Action (§ 1) objects to Figure 11, because the AGC Block Diagram is numbered as item 112, and should be numbered as item 116. In response, Applicants have hereby amended Figure 11 to change the numbering for the AGC Block Diagram to item 116.

The Office Action (§ 2) objects to the Specification for various specified informalities, and Applicants have hereby amended the Specification to correct the specified informalities, and to correct a few additional informalities discovered by the Applicants.

The Office Action (§ 8) objects to claims 5, 10-12, 16, 19 and 21 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. In response, Applicants have hereby (i) amended claim 1 to include all the limitations of objected to claim 5 and intervening claims 3 and 4 (which depended therefrom), (ii) amended claims 10 and 16 to be in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims (claims 11 and 12 depend from now allowable claim 10), and (iii) amended claim 18 to include all the limitations of objected to claim 21 (which depended therefrom) (claim 19 depends from now allowable claim 18).

The Office Action (§ 4) rejects claims 1, 2 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by USPN 5,809,064 (Fenton). In response, Applicants have canceled the rejected claim 13, and submit that claim 1 is allowable based on the amendment described above, and claim 2 is allowable as it depends from now allowable claim 1.

The Office Action rejects claims 3 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fenton in view of USPN 5,414,741 (Johnson). In response, Applicants have canceled the rejected claims 3 and 14.


The Office Action (§ 7) rejects claims 4, 6-9, 15, 17, 18 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fenton in view of USPN 6,633,255 (Krasner). In response, Applicants have canceled claims 4, 7-9 and 15, and have amended claim 6 to depend from now allowable claim 1, and submit that claim 18 is allowable based on the amendment described above, and claim 20 is allowable as it depends from now allowable claim 18.

Applicants, therefore, respectfully submit that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and notice to this effect is respectfully requested.

No amendment made was related to the statutory requirements of patentability unless expressly stated herein; and no amendment made was for the purpose of narrowing the scope of any claim, unless Applicant has argued herein that such amendment was made to distinguish over a particular reference or combination of references.

If, however, the Examiner believes that there are any unresolved issues requiring adverse action in any of the claims now pending in the application, it is requested that the Examiner telephone Mr. Craig Plastrik, at 301-601-7252, so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully Submitted,



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